Memoranda sent by Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

859. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received two memoranda dated the 1st January, 1988 and the 7th March, 1988 addressed to the Prime Minister by Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani;

(b) if so, what are the complaints included in the Memoranda;

(c) whether any other communications have been received by Government in this matter; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to enquire into the complaints, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir. However letters dated 1.1.88 and 7.3.88 addressed to the Prime Minister from the Secretary of an association called BITS Employees Association, Pilani, have been received.

(b) The complaints refer to dismissal of an employee, conduct and character of the Director and misuse of autonomy of the Institute.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. The complaints have been brought to the notice of Board of Governors and the General Body of the BITS, Pilani. The Chairman, Board of Governors has assured detailed examination of all the complaints. The reply from the Chairman is awaited.

Steps taken after meeting between AGM (Operation) Eastern Railways and Passengers Association

860. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps have so far been taken after the meeting between A.G.M. (Operations), Eastern Railways and the passengers association of Dankuni-Belanagar-Rajchandrapur on the 29th October, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Two meetings were held on 27.10.1987 and 18.11.1987. As a result the following actions were taken:—

(1) Introduction of one additional pair of trains between Howrah and Baruipara;

(2) Extension of 3 pairs of Howrah-Baruipara locals upto Chandanpur;

(3) Stoppage of C-263 Up at Bally, Belanagar and Gobra stations;

(4) Stoppage of MG 563 Up at Bally instead of Belur;

(5) Change in the schedules of C-264 Dn Howrah local, C-267 Up Barddhaman local and B-110 Dn Bandel local; and

(6) Stoppage of 331 Up Howrah-Azimganj Passengers and K-11 Up Bandel-Katwa local at Bhanderbkuri station.

National Highways Endangered by Ganga Erosion

861. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that national highways in the Murshidabad area are now being endangered by Ganga erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to protect the highways?